

Registered Company number 04839758

**The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society
(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report and financial statements
Year ended 31 December 2022**

Charity number 1108960

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Report of the Management Committee
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Administrative Information

Charity and Company Name

The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society

Charity Registration Number

1108960

Company Registration Number

4839758

Registered Office and Operational Address

Llys Ffynnon
Penllyn
Nr Cowbridge
Vale of Glamorgan
CF71 7RQ

Management Committee

A G Thomas	Chair
J Hanks	Show Director
H J Price	Treasurer
J Arnott	
A E Banks	
D E Harris	
L M Price	
C Thomas	
I Thomas	

Company Secretary

S Fenner

Independent Examiner

Williams Ross Limited, 4 Ynys Bridge Court, Gwaelod y Garth, Cardiff, CF15 9SS

Bankers

HSBC, 61 High Street, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan CF71 1YJ

Investment Portfolio Fund Managers

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**The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society
Report of the Management Committee
Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The management committee are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21 July 2003 and registered as a charity on 11 April 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting, one third of the Trustees who are subject to retirement by rotation or the number nearest to one third shall retire from office.

Where a trustee retires by rotation he or she shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed.

Trustee Induction and Training

Any new trustees are only appointed where they are recommended by the existing trustees or where a member qualified to vote at the meeting gives notice to propose that person for appointment.

The trustees involved in the charity are from various professional backgrounds and several have many years' experience within the field of agriculture and are expected to attend at least one of the four meetings held quarterly in addition to the annual general meeting to discuss the business of the charity.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the developments of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, visitors and livestock on show day and to ensure a consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans continuing the activities outlined below in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. In the future, if the right opportunity presents itself, the charity may wish to purchase a permanent show site.

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Objectives and Activities

The company's objects and principal activities are: -

- a) The advancement of industry in general and of the rural economy and agriculture in particular in the Vale of Glamorgan through the promotion of improvements in, breeding, rearing and health of livestock, agricultural produce, the safety and utility of agricultural equipment, machinery and implements and the encouragement of skills development and husbandry in the agricultural industry and in furtherance thereto to hold shows in furtherance of an ancillary to the foregoing objects but not otherwise; and
- b) To advance education to the general public and in particular education in agriculture, animal husbandry and allied industries; and
- c) To promote the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities and consider that they have complied with their duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. All the charitable activities focus on the provision of services which all members of the public are able to enter and attend.

Achievements/ Performance

One of the main areas of charitable activity is to hold shows for the exhibition of livestock, poultry, farm and horticultural produce, machinery, tools, appliances, clothing etc. The annual Agricultural Show was held in August 2022 for the first time in three years following the COVID pandemic. The management committee were delighted to have the show back in place, there was a very good attendance on the day and everything went well.

The Society provides Vale Show Bursaries to young people who help out at the show on a voluntary basis. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 26 and the bursary is awarded to help further the education or assist the young person in business. Directors allocate the amount available on an annual basis and the bursary committee decide who is eligible.

Financial Review

The charity had an overall net deficit of £69,531 during the financial year (2021 – net surplus of £32,285). The income excluding investment income and the unrealised gains on investments increased by £125,480 from the previous year (2021 – increase of £9,972). This increase in income was a result of the show actually going ahead for the first time in three years.

Investment Policy

The total market value of investments under management at 31 December 2022 amounted to £346,466 (2021 – £491,518) with an original cost of £346,628.

The charity is pursuing a policy of capital growth. Investment performance is regularly reviewed with the portfolio managers and investment decisions are subject to the management committee's approval.

Reserves Policy

The management committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Given the fallow period with the show in 2020 and 2021 the committee have now committed to assess the results of the 2022 show and then monitor budgeted expenditure very closely given the significant increases in costs generally together with specific costs related to the show. Based upon their reviews they will look to undertake realistic and flexible planning so as to ensure a viable future for the show for future years.

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Reserves Policy (continued)

The present level of reserves available to the charity is £440,357 (2021 - £509,888) with available free reserves of £438,940 (2021 - £507,856). The trustees believe these reserves are reasonable as they are needed in part to meet the working capital requirements of the charity. There is also a need to retain sufficient reserves to fund the potential purchase of a permanent show site.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

The management committee (who are also the directors of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting departures disclosed and explaining in the financial statements;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The management committee are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and that enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The management committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our independent examiners

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiners are unaware; and
- as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by the trustees on 3 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



H J Price
Treasurer

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Management Committee of
The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the management committee and examiners

The management committee (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The management committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102);

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Chown
for and on behalf of
Williams Ross Limited
Chartered Accountants
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05/07/2023
Date

The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)
Year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Income			
Donations	2	16,227	11,216
Income from investments	3	3,706	6,118
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Show income	4	134,879	-
Government grants receivable		-	11,998
Total income		154,812	29,332
Expenditure			
Expenditure on raising funds			
Investment portfolio management charges		1,347	1,492
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Show costs	5	175,584	23,996
Bursaries		-	-
Total expenditure		176,931	25,488
Net income for the year before gains / (losses) on investments		(22,119)	3,844
Net gains/ (losses) on investments		(47,412)	28,441
Net income for the year		(69,531)	32,285
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		509,888	477,603
Total funds carried forward		440,357	509,888

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All activities relate to an unrestricted fund.

The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society
Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,417	2,032
Investments	12	346,466	491,518
		<u>347,883</u>	<u>493,550</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	47,073	1,122
Cash in bank and in hand		46,816	18,286
		<u>93,889</u>	<u>19,408</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,415)	(3,070)
Net current assets		92,474	16,338
Net assets		<u>440,357</u>	<u>509,888</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	15	440,357	509,888
Total funds		<u>440,357</u>	<u>509,888</u>

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

Approved by the Board for issue on 3 April 2023

A G Thomas
Director



H J Price
Director



COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 04839758

1. Accounting Policies

The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society
Notes forming part of the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

h) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Office Equipment	7 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost.

i) Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/ (losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub-sectors.

j) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel and governance costs which support the activities of the charity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than twenty four hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change and value.

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Use of accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise judgement in applying the credit union's accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements are disclosed below:

o) Valuation of investments

The trustees exercise judgement in the valuation of the quoted investments and securities held by the charity. The valuation applied are derived from the investment fund manager reports which indicate the market value of the investments and securities at a given date.

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Year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
2. Donations and grants			
Subscriptions and donations		14,177	11,216
RWAS grant		2,050	-
		<u>16,227</u>	<u>11,216</u>
		2022	2021
		£	£
3. Income from investments			
Dividend income		3,706	6,118
		<u>3,706</u>	<u>6,118</u>
		2022	2021
		£	£
4. Show income			
Show entry fees		8,083	-
Show space - stand fees		41,011	-
Catalogues - sponsorship		15,455	-
Gate and car parking receipts		67,110	-
Events		3,220	-
		<u>134,879</u>	<u>-</u>
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities		2022	2021
5. Show costs		£	£
New show site set-up costs		8,846	-
Legal & professional costs		12,683	-
Showground rent		11,750	-
Preparation costs and equipment hire		96,733	3,080
Prizes		5,086	-
Catering and entertaining		7,850	-
Judges, fees and expenses		1,057	77
Section official expenses		-	-
Stewards		2,370	-
Printing and stationery		4,171	180
Advertising		678	-
Insurance		1,987	2,106
Donations		1,160	550
Equipment depreciation		615	615
Support costs (see note 6)		18,820	16,528
Governance costs (see note 6)		1,778	860
		<u>175,584</u>	<u>23,996</u>
6. Analysis of governance and support costs		General Support	Governance
		£	£
Secretarial services		16,968	-
Postage, telephone and sundries		1,305	-
Affiliation fees and licences		-	1,538
Indemnity insurance directors and officers		-	-
Professional and consultancy fees		-	240
Bank charges		547	-
		<u>18,820</u>	<u>1,778</u>

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7. Net income for the year	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	615	615
Independent examiner's remuneration	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. Staff costs and numbers

There were no staff costs during the year (2021 - nil). Secretarial services were provided on a self-employed basis.

9. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the period (2021 - Nil). No travel costs were reimbursed to any members of the management committee as none were incurred (2021 - Nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any transaction entered into by the charity during the period (2021 - Nil).

10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost/Valuation			
At 1 January 2022	16,979	1,138	18,117
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>16,979</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	14,947	1,138	16,085
Charge for the year	615	-	615
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>15,562</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>16,700</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,417</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,032</u>

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12. Fixed Asset Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Movement in fixed assets listed investments		
Carrying value at 1 January (market value)	491,518	458,451
Additions to investments at cost	2,360	4,627
Disposals at carrying value	(100,000)	-
Net gain/ (loss) on investments	(47,412)	28,440
Carrying value at 31 December (market value)	<u>346,466</u>	<u>491,518</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

Liquidity risk is anticipated to be low as all assets are traded on the open market. The charity's investments are mainly traded in markets with good liquidity and high trading volumes. The charity has no material investment holdings in markets subject to exchange controls or trading restrictions.

The main risk for the financial instruments held by the charity is the volatility of investments. The charity manages this risk by retaining expert advisors and operating an investment policy that provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges. The charity does not make use of derivatives and similar complex financial instruments as it takes the view that investments are held for their longer term yield total return and historic studies of quoted financial instruments have shown that volatility in any particular 5 year period will normally be corrected.

Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	47,073	1,122
	<u>47,073</u>	<u>1,122</u>

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,415	3,070
	<u>1,415</u>	<u>3,070</u>

15. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & Losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	509,888	154,812	(176,931)	(47,412)	440,357
Total unrestricted funds	<u>509,888</u>	<u>154,812</u>	<u>(176,931)</u>	<u>(47,412)</u>	<u>440,357</u>